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Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art fails to disclose the particular probe having an inflatable coagulation body and a hinge portion as now set forth in claims 1 and 37, or the particular probe having the halfballoon tissue coagulation structure as recited in newly filed claim 43. It is noted that the instant application is related to and claims similar subject matter to US Serial No. 09/730,010. The instant application was filed as a result of a restriction requirement in the '010 application. As such, there are no double patenting issues. With regard to the prior art, Pomeranz et al ('5,800,482), Swanson (6,076,012) and Lesh (6,012,457) are the most closely related prior art documents. None of these references disclose the particular hinge structure located on the probe member as now recited in independent claims 1 and 37. It is further noted that Lesh fails to disclose the control member fixedly attached to the probe. Rather, the control member is a guidewire upon which the probe member may freely slide. Also, the prior art of record fails to disclose the particular halfballoon structure with the particular expansion profile as now set forth in newly added independent claim 43.

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